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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following remarks.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2.